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E.O. 1152: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)
SUBJECT: VP TRIP: MEETING WITH OPINION LEADERS

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1. WE WELCOME SUGGESTION THAT VICE PRESIDENT MEET WITH BAL-
ANCED GROUP OF OPINION LEADERS. IF GROUP IS RESTRICTED TO
NAMES MENTIONED REFTEL, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THERE IS CHANCE
THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO MIGHT TAKE PERSONAL OFFENSE SINCE
THEY CONSTITUTE HIS MOST PROMINENT CRITICS. THEY ALSO HEAVILY OVER-
REPRESENT CHRISTIAN ELEMENT. TO BALANCE REPRESENTATION WE
WOULD SUGGEST ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS SET FORTH IN PARAS. 2
AND 3 BELOW. ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD INHIBIT GROUP DISCUSSION
TO SOME EXTENT, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THOSE MENTIONED REFTEL
ARE ALL HIGHLY INDIVIDUALISTIC AND DO NOT INTER-REACT WELL.
WE WOULD THERFORE IN ANY EVENT SUGGEST ARRANGING AFFAIR IN
SUCH A MANNER THAT VICE PRESIDENT COULD MOVE AMONG GUESTS.

2. WE WOULD SUGGEST ADDING LIM BIAN KIE, STAFFER AT CENTER
FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, WHO IS A VERY ACTIVE
OPINION-MAKER AND WHOSE STRONGLY PRO-GOVERNMENT VIEWS
WOULD IN THEMSELVES ADD SUBSTANTIAL BALANCE. FROM MUSLIM
SECTOR WE SUGGEST ADDING IMRON ROSJADI, WHO IS WELL KNOWN
TO DEPARTMENT, OR, IF HE IS UNABLE TO COME, CHALID MAWARDI.

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AS WOMAN PARTICIPANT, WE SUGGEST DR. IDA SUKAMAN, SECRE-
TARY TO THE NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING COORDINATION BOARD.
IF THIS EXPANDS SIZE BEYOND THAT WISHED, SUGGEST WE DEOP
YAP, SINCE HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES IN WHICH
HE IS ENGAGED WOULD ALREADY BE REPRESENTED BY BUYUNG NASUTION
AND SIMATUPANG RESPECTIVELY.

3. INCLUSION OF EDITORS JAKUB OETAMA AND SABAM SIAGIAN WILL INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF HEAVY PUBLICITY AND MIGHT BE REGARDED AS U.S.G. FAVORITISM TOWARD JAKARTA'S TWO CHRISTIAN NEWS-PAPERS. IF THEY ARE INCLUDED, WE SUGGEST THAT D. H. ASSEGAFF OF SUARA KARYA, TIBRUANA SAID OF MERDEKA AND H. SAID BUDAIRY OF PELITA BE ADDED.

4. WE RECOMMEND ASSEMBLING GROUP FOR COFFEE AT RESIDENCE AFTER LUNCHEON FOR U.S. BUSINESSMEN.

5. IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF NEGATIVE REACTION FROM GOI, WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS PLAN WITH FONDEPT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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